

# MINUTES

OF THE FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE

## Zion \* Baptist \* Association,

HELD WITH THE MT. PLEASANT CHURCH, WEBSTER  
COUNTY, GA.,

AUGUST 31, AND SEPTEMBER 1, 1889.

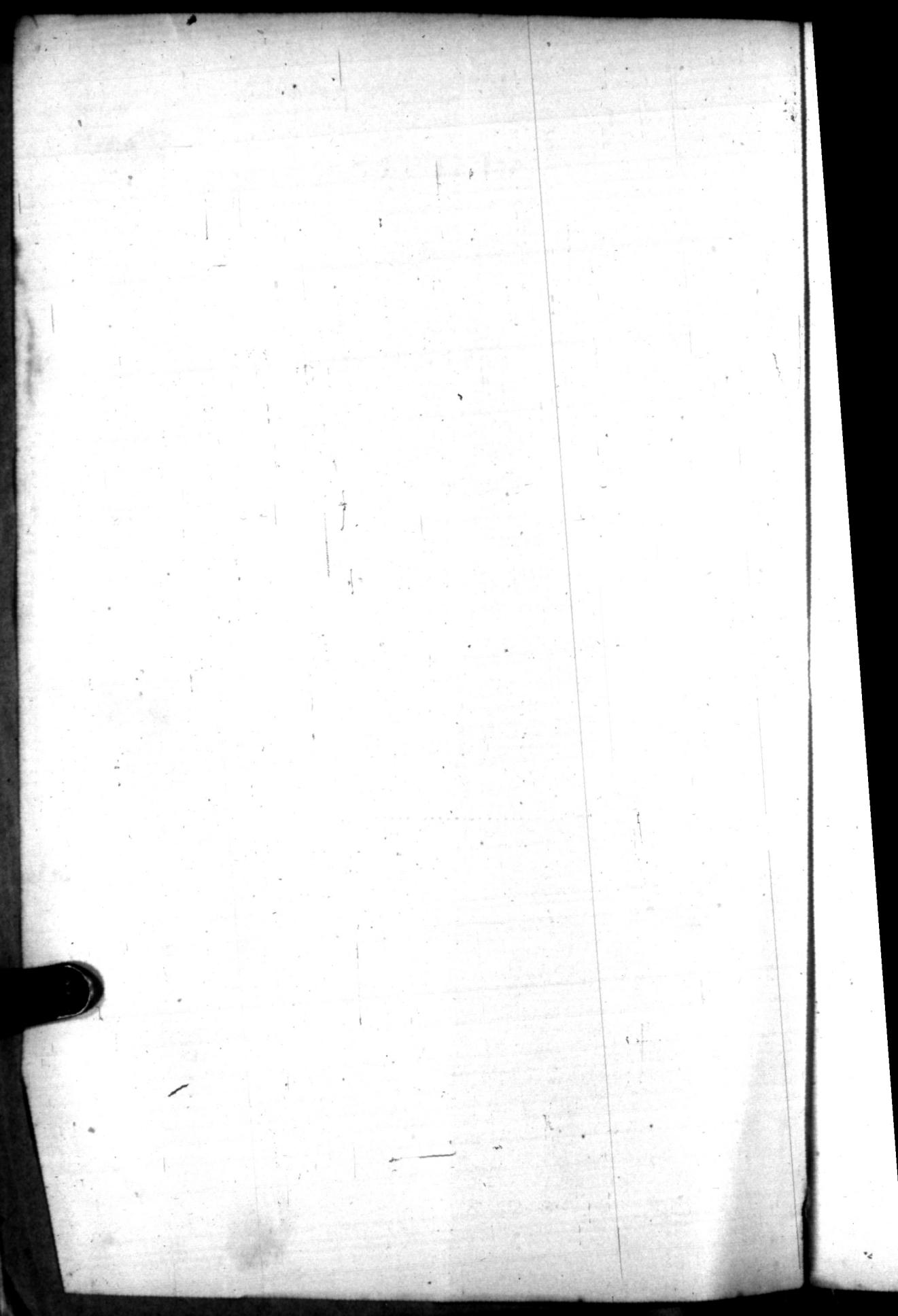
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J. T. PRYOR..... Moderator.  
T. N. Ross..... Clerk.

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## FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Zion Association met in its Fifty-Fourth Annual Session with the Mt. Pleasant church, Webster county, on the 31st day of August, 1889.

At 11 o'clock the Introductory sermon was preached by the appointee, C. A. Hicks, from Ezekiel 33:23.

After an intermission of one hour, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, J. T. Pryor, who gave a very interesting talk, and caused the following Scripture to be read: "Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour." Eph. 5:1, 2. Prayer by Willie Thompson.

The Clerk being absent, T. N. Ross was elected Clerk *pro tem.*

The Moderator appointed J. P. Thompson and J. H. Pryor reading clerks; and S. G. Hunter, J. L. Arnold and J. A. Dalton a Committee on Finance.

Letters from thirty churches were presented and read.

The following churches were represented:

- Antioch—J. H. Jacks, J. Q. Durham and J. W. Sanders.
- Bethany—J. P. Thompson, T. H. Wilson and J. H. Pryor.
- Bluff Springs—C. S. Clark.
- Cross Roads—W. R. Pepper, A. Skelton and J. I. Martin.
- Chestnut Springs—S. G. Taylor, T. N. Crumby and J. L. Ross.
- County Line—T. H. Middleton, W. T. Gwinn and A. E. Kolb.
- Concord—J. R. Golding and H. D. Smith.
- Double Springs—J. S. Wright, Sam Wells and W. L. Hillhouse.
- Fellowship—A. B. Hicks and C. A. Hicks.
- Greensboro—E. E. Williams.
- Harmony—James Gillon.
- Hebron—R. S. Skelton.
- Midway—Daniel Malone, Marion Blue and M. K. Gilder.
- Mount Vernon—By letter.
- Mount Pleasant—J. L. Arnold, A. P. Woodruff and W. A. Scott.
- Mount Zion—G. W. Wray and Lawrence Latham.
- Montpelier—B. F. Barnes, T. A. Cothran and R. T. Coggins.
- Mulberry—S. R. Neal.
- New Hope—J. H. Pryor, A. B. Skelton and H. C. West.
- New Liberty—W. T. Patridge.
- Philadelphia—T. J. Cooper.
- Pleasant Grove—(Chickasaw Co.) T. N. Ross, S. H. Scott and A. R. Wofford.
- Pleasant Grove—(Montgomery Co.) James Beckum and Sidney Robinson.
- Pleasant Hill—M. A. Burson.

Providence—J. J. Nellums and G. S. Patterson.

Spring Valley—W. L. Clegg.

Spring Creek—J. A. Dalton, G. I. Gammill and J. W. Kuykendall.

Sabougla—W. D. Cook, John Freshour and John Lay.

Walhall—By letter.

Wake Forrest—A. Forrester, S. M. Hightower and W. T. Early.

On motion of T. H. Wilson the rules were suspended and the permanent officers were elected by acclamation, to-wit:

J. T. Pryor, Moderator; T. N. Ross, Clerk; and J. H. Pryor, Treasurer.

Committee on Devotional Exercises—A. Skelton, W. D. Cook, together with the pastor and deacons of Mt. Pleasant church.

Called for petitionary letters.

Called for corresponding messengers.

The following brethren were appointed corresponding messengers to represent us in the following bodies:

Southern Baptist Convention—J. P. Thompson; alternates, T. H. Wilson and J. T. Pryor.

Baptist State Convention—J. F. Mitchell, J. P. Thompson, T. H. Wilson, A. B. Hicks, C. A. Hicks, T. N. Lusk, J. L. Arnold and J. T. Pryor.

Aberdeen Association—J. H. Jacks, T. N. Ross, T. A. Cochran and J. Q. Durham.

Columbus Association—Dr. J. L. Ritch.

Calhoun Association—J. P. Thompson, M. A. Burson, J. T. Pryor and J. J. Nellums.

Louisville Association—A. Bruns.

Kosciusko Association—R. E. Hurt and W. A. Hurt.

Yallobusha Oxford Association—T. H. Wilson, J. P. Thompson, A. B. Hicks, C. A. Hicks, J. H. Pryor and S. R. Neal.

Yazoo Association—W. A. Hurt and S. R. Neal.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made the following report:

At 11 o'clock to-morrow, Elder J. P. Thompson. At 7 o'clock P.M. to-morrow, Elder T. H. Wilson.

The Committee on Temperance being absent, the Moderator appointed the following committee to report at this meeting, viz.: A. B. Hicks, J. P. Thompson and J. F. Mitchell.

The Treasurer presented his annual report, which was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Association then adjourned until 8 o'clock Monday morning.

#### SABBATH, EXERCISES.

By request of Mount Pleasant church, the ministers in attendance set apart Brother J. L. Arnold to the full work of the gospel ministry.

At 11 o'clock Elder J. P. Thompson preached to a large and attentive congregation, from 1st Chor., 3:22, after which a collection was taken up for foreign missions, amounting to \$15.50.

A very large congregation attended night service, who were addressed by Elder T. H. Wilson, from St. John 4:29.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Prayer by A. B. Hicks. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator.

Renewed call for letters, when Shiloh church, through her delegates, W. A. Dunn and J. N. Kirk, presented a letter, which was read and the delegates seated.

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence having failed to send in their report, the Moderator appointed the following committee to report on said subject, viz.: T. H. Wilson, T. J. Cooper, Henry C. West and S. R. Neal.

On motion of T. H. Wilson, the same order of business was adopted for this meeting as pursued by the last.

On motion, the Moderator assigned the following subjects to the churches named, to be reported on at the next meeting of this body:

1. Foreign Missions—Fellowship.
2. Home and State Missions—New Liberty.
3. Ministerial Education—Pleasant Grove (Chickasaw).
4. Sabbath schools—Mt. Pleasant.
5. Periodicals—Sabougla.
6. Temperance—Walthall,
7. Systematic Benevolence—Philadelphia.

Elder J. P. Thompson read the report on Foreign Missions, which was received, and after discussion by J. P. Thompson, T. H. Wilson, J. T. Pryor, J. L. Arnold and B. R. Hughey, it was adopted. (Appendix A.)

Received call for corresponding messengers. Elder B. R. Hughey presented himself as a corresponding messenger from the Columbus Association, who was received and welcomed.

On motion of J. H. Pryor, speakers were limited to seven minutes. The report on Home and State Missions was read and received, and after being discussed by J. P. Thompson and T. H. Wilson, it was adopted. (Appendix B.)

The report of Ministerial Education was read and received. The discussion was participated in by B. R. Hughey and T. H. Wilson, and the report was adopted. (Appendix C.)

A cash collection was taken up amounting to \$2.00, and the following pledges were made to be paid during the fall and winter.

T. H. Wilson; . . .	\$10 00	T. N. Ross, . . .	\$2 00
J. J. Nellums, . . .	2 50	J. I. Martin, . . .	1 00
S. R. Neal, . . .	5 00	G. I. Gammill, . . .	5 00
J. S. Wright, . . .	2 00	Sister Ann Thomas, . .	1 00
Sidney Robinson, . . .	5 00	" Tabitha Pepper, . .	1 00
J. N. Kirk, . . .	1 00	" Margaret Skelton, . .	50
A. Skelton, . . .	2 50	" Endora Skelton, . .	50
J. T. Pryor, . . .	10 00	" C. R. Pepper, . .	50
Sister Suda Chandler, . .	50	" Mary Spruill, . .	50

Brother J. T. Pryor pledged himself to make the amount \$75.00.  
Adjourned one hour for dinner.

## EVENING SESSION.

Reassembled and sung "Amazing Grace."  
Prayer by Willie Thompson.

The Moderator announced that the location of the next meeting was in order, when the Association decided to hold its next meeting at Bluff Springs, Webster county, three miles southwest of Bellefontain, on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1890.

On motion of T. H. Wilson, a committee on nominations was appointed, charged with the duty of naming some minister to preach a sermon on Missions at some time during the next meeting of this body.

The report on Digest of Letters was read, received and adopted. (Appendix D.)

The report on Sabbath-schools was read, received and adopted. (Appendix E.)

The report on Periodicals was read, received, amended and adopted. (Appendix F.)

The report on Temperance was read, received, discussed by Elder B. R. Hughey and adopted. (Appendix G.)

The report on Systematic Benevolence was read, received and adopted. (Appendix H.)

The Committee on Nominations made the following report, which was adopted:

To preach the Introductory Sermon—J. L. Arnold; alternate, T. H. Middleton.

To preach on Missions—J. P. Thompson; alternate, T. H. Wilson.

The Treasurer's report was approved by the Finance Committee and adopted. (Appendix I.)

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

1. By T. H. Wilson: That the Clerk be allowed \$15.00 for his services, and he be instructed to expend all the money remaining for printing the Minutes, and that they be distributed to the churches in proportion to the amounts sent by each church.

2. By S. R. Neal: That the thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered, to the members of Mt. Pleasant church and the citizens of this community for the lavish hospitality extended to delegates and visitors during our present session.

3. By J. H. Pryor:

WHEREAS, We profess to be the followers of the Lord Jesus Christ; and,

WHEREAS, The last command given by Him to His disciples before His ascension was, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature; and,

WHEREAS, We believe it to be the duty of every Christian to obey that command, either by going or by contributing of his means to the support of those who do go; and,

WHEREAS, A large majority of the churches and membership of the Zion Association are doing little or nothing for the spread of the Gospel; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That there be appointed by this Association eight brethren, one of whom shall be the Moderator, as an executive board, whose duty it shall be to visit every church in our bounds by one of

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their number, once during each quarter, and endeavor to obtain a contribution from every member of every church for the objects fostered by the Baptist State Convention.

*Resolved.*, That said board shall hold its first meeting during the present session of this Association, or immediately after its adjournment, and after organizing shall apportion the churches among themselves, so that they may be as accessible as possible.

*Resolved.*, That thereafter they shall meet once during each quarter, at such time and place as they may designate, bringing with them all moneys collected by them, which they shall pay over to the Treasurer of this Association, taking his receipt therefor.

*Resolved.*, That said board be required to make a written report to each meeting of this Association.

In conformity with the above resolutions the following brethren were appointed to constitute said executive board, viz: J. T. Pryor, T. N. Ross, P. J. Lusk, A. E. Kolb, W. T. McQuary, A. F. Williams, J. H. Pryor and W. M. Martin.

The report of Finance Committee was received and adopted.  
(Appendix G.)

Closing prayer by T. H. Wilson.

The Association adjourned to meet with the Bluff Springs church on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1890.

T. N. ROSS, Clerk.

J. T. PRYOR, Moderator.

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## APPENDICES.

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### A—REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The great commission is to go teach all nations; go preach the gospel to every creature. We are debtors to both Jews and Greeks; both to the wise and the unwise; so then, as much as in us is, we should preach the gospel to every creature, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. The gospel field is as wide as the world. Christ's command to preach is as broad as eternity. His love for sinners is as firm as a rock. His truth shall stand when time shall cease. We see from reports from the Foreign Mission fields that work is progressing everywhere, yet the cry from all parts is "come over and help us!" Many are receiving the truth with gladness, and the gospel is being preached in all the world as a witness to all nations. Shall we heed the indications of an all-wise God in opening up the way for the gospel? Shall we not hear the cry of the brethren for help? Shall we not join in with our prayers and contributions to give the gospel to the perishing nations of the earth? We see from the Treasurer's report of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention that the work is rapidly increasing. Mississippi reports \$5,812.16, and still we are progressing. We have much evidence to believe that the Lord loves a cheerful giver. It is more blessed to give than to receive. While we cannot give as much in dollars, we can send up our prayers to a bountiful Father that

opened so many hearts and hands to increase his glorious work, and still forward the pressing needs of more men and money to carry on the good begun work. Our European Mission is in Italy, where we began work in 1871 in the city of Rome. The work is under the supervision of Dr. George B. Taylor and Rev. J. H. Eager. Under their direction are twelve Italian pastors and evangelists, some fourteen churches of our faith and order; new stations are being constantly opened, baptisms are more frequent than ever in the history of the mission, and the missionaries and colporteurs find the people now ready to listen to the word.

The North China reports two churches, two main stations and twenty-two out stations, with 137 members. The Central China, four churches with 109 members, of whom six were baptized last year. The South China has at work two American males and five females, 705 members, 70 of whom were baptized last year. Africa and Brazil are doing great work. Brethren, let not our Union fall behind in the work.

M. C. ALLEN, Chairman.

## E—HOME AND STATE MISSIONS.

### HOME MISSIONS.

The number of missionaries employed this year is 328, an increase over last year of 45. The number of baptisms have been 4,437; number added to the mission church by letter, 3,565; total increase has been 8,402. Number of churches organized, 328; number of houses of worship built, 158; and the number of Sunday-schools organized, 343, in which there are 10,170 teachers and pupils. Pages of tracts distributed, 850,000, and 5,000 Bibles and Testaments. The work of the board has been done in the Southern States and Cuba. The statistics given by Bro. Diaz are: Missionaries, 20; churches and stations, 27; baptisms, 300; Sunday-schools, 26; teachers and pupils, 2,228. Total membership of seven churches, 1,403. Money collected by these churches, \$2,255. There are seven native preachers, all of whom have been baptized by Bro. Diaz. The civil government is maintaining our legal rights against the Bishop of Havana, who is seeking to destroy our work. His appeal to the authorities in Spain has been rejected, and he has declared in his official paper that Alberto J. Diaz is the favorite of the Cuban government, which grants him privileges not conferred by the law. The work is moving forward wonderfully. The Lord is blessing the efforts of his people there. This should encourage us to more consecration and devotion to the work of the Master, at the same time giving God all the praise and glory for His grace and mercy. The cash receipts of the board have increased from \$48,022 to \$69,398, an increase of \$21,376. The Home Mission Board co-operates in the work with the State Mission Boards. It is thought the board will need this year over \$100,000, owing to the demands and extension of the work. Let every one study to know his duty and do it.

### STATE MISSIONS.

The annual report of our own State Board is very satisfactory and encouraging, as the following statistics will show: Missionaries, 69; days of actual service, 5,676; stations occupied, 354; sermons preached,

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3,272; baptisms, 1,050; received by letter, 352; restored, 58. Total added to the churches, 1,460; churches organized, 15; Sunday-schools, 89; officers, teachers and scholars, 3,077; pages of tracts distributed, 46,687; value of books sold, \$2,317; cash collected, \$9,444; houses of worship repaired, 14; houses of worship built, 25; value of church buildings and repairing, \$15,625. Other statistics might be given, especially in relation to women's work, which is a great factor in the mission work. The various Women's Mission Societies have contributed to missions, ministerial education, etc., \$12,332.88. Seeing the Lord has so wonderfully blessed our efforts, it becomes us to renew energy. We are encouraged to do much more for the Master. We can go far beyond the above figures. Let every church have such a system as to induce every member do to something for missions.

Respectfully submitted. W. M. Martin, James Denton, W. D. Cook.

C—REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We believe it is the duty of people to educate. We think that educating is elevating, and that elevating is looking Heavenward, and looking Heavenward is well pleasing in the sight of our Heavenly Father. The minister especially should be educated that he may be enabled to present the Word of God in a proper and forcible way; and that he may be able at all times and under any circumstances to meet the craftiness of men and the devices of Satan.

The laity should be educated in order that they may fully understand the meaning and full import of the Scriptures expounded by the minister or read by themselves. They are then the better prepared to know their duty, to come to the support of their pastor, to work for their generation, and to serve God in their minds and their bodies, which are His. We think the mind of man is a Heaven given talent, which should receive special training. The Lord has use for well-balanced, well-trained, penetrating and discerning minds, and for praying hearts and consecrated souls.

Let the minister of God be assisted in every necessary preparation for the conflict with sin and ungodliness in high places.

"The righteous sheweth mercy and giveth." "It is more blessed to give than to receive." "God loveth a cheerful giver." The Association acted faithfully in sustaining Brothers Willie Thompson and A. C. Ball in Mississippi College, where they prepared themselves for the great religious conflict of to-day. Brother Willie Thompson is in the western part of this Association and Brother A. C. Ball is in Arkansas, both contending for the faith once delivered to the saints. Brethren, let us assist the man of God in his faithful work. Let us remember that we came into the world without money, and that we shall leave our riches behind us when we come to die.

Up, brethren, to the help of the Lord.  
Respectfully submitted.

W. C. SUGG,  
G. C. HALBROOK.

D—REPORT ON CHURCH LETTERS.

Your committee ask leave to report that we have examined thirty-

one church letters, and find about sixteen churches speak of being in a good condition, and a few speak of revivals of religion, while nine say nothing of their spiritual condition, and five speak of being in a cold condition.

Accessions—By baptism, 84; by letter, 110; restored, 5. Total, 199. Dismissed by letter, 94; excluded, 34; died, 26. Total, 154. Total increase, 45; total membership of the thirty-one churches 2,800.

Respectfully submitted.

W. T. GWIN, Chairman.

#### E—REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath-schools submits the following:

We are glad to believe that the Sabbath-school work is enlarging, that the number of schools is increasing, and that the work in general is becoming more efficient. A badly conducted Sabbath-school may do harm, but a well conducted Sabbath-school must do good. We believe that the Sabbath-school work is a part of the church work, and that it is next in importance to the preaching of the Gospel. First, because it is a great field for Christian work—a field wherein the seeds of piety and religion are sown, and the careful, conscientious sower may expect a bountiful harvest of souls for the kingdom of our Lord. Early impressions are the most lasting, and while the mind is young and tender is the propitious time to impart the great truths of the Gospel. Roman Catholics say: "Give us a child until it is twelve or fourteen years old, and we defy the world to make anything but a Catholic out of it." Then if this is the power that early impressions have upon the young mind, let us see to it that our children are taught the great truths of God's Holy Word while they are young. We are commanded as the people of God to do so (Deut. 11: 18 to 21) Second, because it develops the membership of the church. Third, It brings the young as well as those of more mature years under the immediate influence of religious training. And fourth, because its chief object is to lead the unconverted to Christ and the converted to the most useful lives. Dear brethren, how could we better spend our Sabbaths than to gather in the children and young people and teach as best we can the truths of God's holy word? For this is the object of the Sabbath, to impart a knowledge of God's word.

To train the young and plastic mind to religious thought and store it with religious knowledge which in after years may bring forth much fruit to the honor and glory of God, and to prepare an intelligent and zealous membership for our churches who will be ready for every good word and work, is the highest duty of mankind.

Dear brethren, let our motto be "An evergreen Sunday-school in every church in our beloved Zion Association." Let us every Sabbath gather in the children and teach them the precious truths of the glorious gospel of our ever blessed God, and pray God to sanctify our teaching to the salvation of our children. In conclusion, permit your committee to make the following suggestions: First, we believe the superintendent should be a live, active Christian—one whose piety is unquestioned. Let him have a time to begin and begin on time; a time to close and close on time. Let the exercises be as brief as pos-

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sible. Teachers should be earnest, consecrated Christians, devoted to the work of the Master. They should know who in their classes are Christians and who are not. Let the object be to lead the unconverted to Christ and the converted to the most useful Christian lives. With regard to literature, we would say that we cannot be too careful in selecting literature for our schools, and use none but the best. Let our motto be "Baptist Literature and Lesson Helps" for every Baptist Sunday-school in the land. Baptists gain nothing but lose much by uniting with other denominations and studying Union Literature.

We recommend all of our Su day schcol to use Lesson Helps, prepared by Kind Words Publishing Co., Atlanta, Ga., or those published by American Baptist Publishing Society, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. SPENCER,  
NANNIE K. HANNAH.

#### F—REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals beg leave to submit the following report; Since we deem that the success of our cause as a denomination depends largely on the extent to which we inform ourselves, and since we recognize *The Baptist Record*, *Christian Repository* and *Tennessee Baptist* as true exponents of sound Bible doctrines, we recommend their columns to every reader, and urge that they receive from us that support which their cause demands. For the success of Sunday-schools *Kind Words*, on mission work *The Foreign Mission Journal*, on temperance *The Clinton Argus*, and many other valuable periodicals.

Respectfully submitted.

W. B. MOORE, Chairman.

#### G—REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

That the selling of intoxicating drink is a crime of abominable hue all Christians declare and know, and all scientific men prove, and all sensible men acknowledge. Even Robert Ingersoll, the champion infidel, says that strong drink is the devil's best friend and God's worst enemy. Time would fail were we to go into details to enumerate the terrible effects of strong drink on our own nation especially, for indeed we do know from statistics and from observation, that three-fourths of the idleness, disorder, pauperism and crime existing in our nation are, in a great degree, traceable to this evil. Even the supreme courts of our country recognize its terrible effects, for they say it is the prolific source of crime, pauperism and insanity, and its tendency is to destroy man mentally, physically, and especially morally. The admission is now general that it ruins the homes, endangers the ballot-box, makes the country resound with the cry of those who are worse than widows, and the miserable and hungry child ; yea, their cries ascend to Heaven in testimony of the horrors of the sale of strong drink. Then, this being the case, what can be done to check and to put a stop to this evil? As there is no precept like example, we, your committee, suggest that we touch not the unclean thing ourselves, and train our children to shun it as a deadly poison. By science let us teach them its deadly effect on the human sys-

that the next generation be not drunkards! Yea, let us protect them from temptation by arising as one man and clearing the land from saloons. Then teach them good morals, and in this way fight back the monster evil. By these means, if thoroughly carried out, we will yet see the day when our people will flee from the presence of drink as from a serpent. The conflict may be long and fierce, but we know God is against all evil, and with Omnipotence on our side we will conquer. Now is the perilous time for our own State. The thoughts of the immigrant are contemplating this beautiful land of ours as never before. Then it is high time that we rout this evil from the land before the population is so increased; for our religious liberty and indeed our civil institutions will be safer to ourselves and our posterity when this is done. May the day soon come when our land will be free from this curse.

A. B. HICK, Chairman.

#### H—REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following report: We find ample evidence in the Bible that *giving* is a Christian grace, and where exercised in the proper spirit becomes an act of worship. We recommend the Scriptural plan of Christian giving as elastic, and simple enough for application to all our churches. It is found in the first of the two epistles which were addressed "to the church of God at Corinth," and also "to all that in every place call upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ." It is this: "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches at Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the *first* day of the week let *every one* of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."

This comprehends three duties, viz.: Giving, gathering and distributing. The first is a *personal* matter between the giver and the Lord. The other two are between the churches and the Lord. This order, which has all the force of an express and positive command, prescribes the amount, the time and the method of giving.

1st. This order, "Lay by in store," consecrates our gifts. They become sacred—the Lord's—and can be used by us no more than we can use the property of another.

2d. Laying by in store "on the first day of the week" makes Christian giving as regular and systematic as Christian worship.

3d. The duty is made *personal*. Every one was to thus lay by in store, not as husbands for wives, or parents for children, or the rich for the poor, but "each one" for himself.

4th. This makes the most reasonable and just possible assessment of the amount to be given, viz.: "As every one may prosper." Every one was to judge of his own prosperity. Yearly subscriptions are liable to be discounted when paid, whereas a weekly offering is not.

5th. This adapts itself not to the giver's inclination, but to his circumstances. As the Lord has prospered him he is to lay by.

6th. The Apostle's special reason for this rule of Christian giving was that no "gatherings be made when I come."

To sum up, we reiterate, emphatically, that giving is a Christian grace, and should be cultivated; that it is required of the church of

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God; that the amount is specified, and that the time is designated. Hence, we are inexcusable if we fail to exercise this privilege and discharge this duty. Respectfully submitted.

T. H. WILSON, Chairman.

I—TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. H. PRYOR IN ACCOUNT WITH ZION ASSOCIATION FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1888, TO AUGUST 31, 1889.

	Dr.	Cr.
Received from Finance Committee . . . . .	\$ 61 80	
" for missions during year . . . . .	107 20	
" " Diaz Chapel . . . . .	2 00	
" " Ministerial education during year . . . . .	132 00	
Total receipts . . . . .	<u>\$303 00</u>	
Sept. 1st.		
By amount paid J. T. Christian . . . . .	\$ 62 80	
" due Treasurer at last report . . . . .	1 60	
" paid B. W. Griffith . . . . .	90 50	
" " J. T. Christian . . . . .	18 00	
" " A. C. Ball and W. H. Thompson . . . . .	132 00	
" " for postage . . . . .	1 30	
Total expenditures . . . . .	<u>\$305 20</u>	

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. PRYOR, Treasurer.

J—REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Finance submit the following report:

Received for Minutes . . . . .	\$46 80
" " sundry missions . . . . .	15 55
" " ministerial education . . . . .	2 00
" " foreign missions . . . . .	4 50

Paid to Treasurer . . . . .

\$68 85

Respectfully submitted.

S. G. HUNTER, Chairman.

REPORT OF WESTERN DISTRICT MEETING.

The next meeting will be held with Harmony Church, commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in May, 1890. To preach the introductory sermon, T. H. Wilson; alternate, J. C. Finnell.

PROGRAMME.

Is there any difference between Redemption and Atonement? If so, what is it?—C. Finnell.

What is our duty to the colored people in our midst?—J. P. Thompson.

The best way to teach the Gospel.—M. C. Allen.

Should all our churches have regular Sunday-schools?—Walter Spencer.

What is faith in Christ?—T. H. Wilson.

Who, according to the teaching of the Scriptures, are fit subjects for baptism?—W. A. Rogers.

D. W. BENNETT, Clerk.

No report from Eastern District.—CLERK.

M. C. ALLEN, Moderator.

#### LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

	POST OFFICE.
Allen, M. C.	Slate Spring, Calhoun county
Arnold, J. L.	Cumberland, Webster "
Ball, A. C.	Hohenlinden, " "
Cole, S. M.	Benela, Calhoun "
Duke, G. H.	Walthall, Webster "
Finnell, J. C.	Fay, "
Hicks, A. B.	Bellefontain, "
Hicks, C. A.	" "
Hicks, W. T.	Lodi, Montgomery "
Lusk, T. N.	" "
Middleton, W. S.	Cumberland, Webster "
Middleton, T. H.	" "
Mitchell, J. F.	Bellefontain, "
Mitchell, T. E.	Lodi, Montgomery "
Pugh, L.	Montpelier, Clay "
Thompson, J. P.	Slate Spring, Calhoun "
Wilson, J. L.	Bellefontain, Webster "
Wilson, T. H.	Slate Spring, Calhoun "
White, R. C.	Reagan, "
Wofford, J. P.	Hohenlinden, Webster "
Watson, B.	Walthall, "

#### LICENTIATES.

Eidson, J. J.	Bellefontain, Webster county
Thompson, W. H.	Slate Spring, Calhoun "

NOTE.—Dear Brethren: I had to correspond with different publishing houses to find one that would set the type for your minutes for the amount of money you contributed for that purpose. It would be well for you to bear this in mind when you contribute again.—CLERK.

**FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL TABLE.**

CHURCHES.	TIMES OF MEETING.		PASTORS.		CLERK.		C. COUNTY.		POST-OFFICE	
	Males.	Females.	All other Purposes	Pastor's Salary.	Mississippi College.	Diáz's Chapel.	Ministerial Education.	Foreign Missions.	Home and State Missions.	Total.
Antioch.	1 1 4	1 6 5	\$ 50	\$ 25	\$ 35	\$ 3	\$ 36	\$ 00	\$ 36	\$ 00
Bohany.	1 1 7	3 1 8	169	3 50	32 00					
Buff Springs.	1 1 7	3 1 8	82	80	143	1 35	J. P. Thompson.	A. M. George.	Clay.	
Cross Roads.	1 1 7	3 1 8	63	50	116	1 00	E. T. Mitchell.	S. Fox.	Slate Spring.	
Chestnut Springs.	1 1 7	3 1 8	1 1	1 3 33	50	83	D. W. Bennett.	D. W. Bennett.	Walhain.	
County Line.	3 1 7	1 1 31	45	76	75	1 65	W. R. Pepper.	W. R. Pepper.	Hohenlinden.	
Concord.	1 1 7	3 1 8	1 1 15	16	31	1 75	J. F. Hicks.	J. L. Ross.	Cumberland.	
Double Springs.	1 1 7	3 1 8	1 1 2 1	1 1	88	1 67	J. F. Mitchell.	J. F. Mitchell.	Embry.	
Fellowship.	1 1 7	3 1 8	1 1 11	1 6	2 40	1 30	J. M. Dalton.	J. R. Shaw.	Spring Creek.	
Greensboro.	1 1 7	3 1 8	1 1 4 1	1 5	124	2 42	L. J. Hicks.	L. J. Taylor.	Bellontown.	
Harmony.	1 1 7	3 1 8	1 1 3	1 20	22	42	W. C. Sugg.	W. C. Sugg.	Greensboro.	
Hebron.	1 1 7	3 1 8	1 1 3	1 2	79	1 00	J. F. Johnson.	J. F. Johnson.	Alva.	
Midway.	1 1 6	1 1 1	1 2 2	1 75	116	1 91	J. T. Dunn.	J. W. Shetton.	Waithall.	
Mt. Vernon.	1 1 6	1 1 1	1 2 2	1 7	96	1 00	J. W. Wilson.	J. W. Wilson.	Atlanta.	
Mt. Pleasant.	1 1 6	1 1 1	1 2 8	1	52	1 50	G. W. Hicks.	G. W. Strickland.	Chickasaw.	
Mt. Zion.	1 1 6	1 1 1	1 2 8	2	51	1 25	J. W. Hunter.	J. W. Townsend.	Webster.	
Montpelier.	1 1 6	1 1 1	1 2 3	2	102	2 00	T. H. Middleton.	T. H. Middleton.	Cumberland.	
Mulberry.	1 1 6	1 1 1	1 2 3	2	66	1 50	T. H. Middleton.	T. H. Middleton.	Calooga.	
New Hope.	1 1 6	1 1 1	1 2 3	2	69	125	J. F. Gulley.	J. F. Gulley.	Montpelier.	
New Liberty.	1 1 6	1 1 1	1 2 4	1 4	96	2 00	J. F. Freeman.	J. F. Freeman.	Lodi.	
Philadelphia.	1 1 6	1 1 1	1 2 4	1 4	90	1 90	H. H. Wilson.	H. H. Wilson.	Calhoun.	
Pleasant Grove.	1 1 6	1 1 1	1 2 4	1 4	72	1 47	J. W. Fox.	J. W. Fox.	Slate Spring.	
Pleasant Hill.	1 1 6	1 1 1	1 2 3	3	67	82	J. W. Townsend.	J. W. Townsend.	Locust.	
Providence.	1 1 6	1 1 1	1 2 3	3	31	37	T. H. Wilson.	T. H. Wilson.	Webster.	
Spring Valley.	1 1 6	1 1 1	1 2 18	2	56	1 00	A. B. Hicks.	A. B. Hicks.	Cadaretta.	
Spring Valley.	1 1 6	1 1 1	1 2 2	2	51	91	A. H. Booth.	A. H. Booth.	Atlanta.	
Sabougha.	1 1 6	1 1 1	1 2 2	2	1 40	1 40	R. C. White.	R. C. White.	Montgomery.	
Shiloh.	1 1 6	1 1 1	1 2 2	2	1 20	1 50	W. M. Cole.	W. M. Cole.	Winona.	
Waite Forrest.	1 1 6	1 1 1	1 2 2	2	1 20	1 20	J. E. Middleton.	J. E. Middleton.	State Springs.	
							J. F. Moreland.	J. F. Moreland.	Benel.	
							J. F. Smith.	J. F. Smith.	Spring Valley.	
							J. P. Norris.	J. P. Norris.	Cumberland.	
							T. H. Dalton.	T. H. Dalton.	Williamsville.	
							J. F. Mitchell.	J. F. Mitchell.	Minerva.	
							A. H. Hicks.	A. H. Hicks.	Waithall.	
							T. N. Lusk.	T. N. Lusk.	Webster.	
							J. M. Robinson.	J. M. Robinson.	Montgomery.	
							J. F. Lovett.	J. F. Lovett.	Webster.	
							J. F. Mitchell.	J. F. Mitchell.	Webster.	
							W. G. Davis.	W. G. Davis.	Cumberland.	

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